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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU APPROVES REGION 19 (NEW ENGLAND) 800 MHZ NPSPAC REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT

General Docket No. 90-53

Introduction. On March 7, 2013, the Region 19 (New England)¹ 800 MHz NPSPAC Regional Planning Committee (RPC) submitted a proposed modification (Plan Amendment) to amend its 800 MHz Public Safety Plan for spectrum in the 806-824/851-869 MHz band.² For the reasons discussed below, we approve the Region 19 800 MHz NPSPAC Plan Amendment.

Background. In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of the public safety radio frequency spectrum (rebanded to the 806-821/824/851-869 segment).³

Review of the Region 19 Plan Amendment. The Plan Amendment assigns the State of Maine ten 800 MHz channels to provide network coverage to portable radio users through the use of cross band vehicular repeaters.⁴ Both regions adjacent to Region 19, Region 8 (New York Metropolitan Area) and Region 30 (New York-Albany), reviewed and provided letters of concurrence in support of the Plan Amendment.

¹ The Region 19 (New England) 800 MHz regional planning area encompasses six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The three northernmost states, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, share a border with Canada.

² See Letter from Jerry Zarwanski, Chair, Region 19 800 MHz NPSPAC Regional Planning Committee, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, General Docket 90-53 (filed Mar. 7, 2013) (submitting Plan Amendment).

³ See Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment of Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/766-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety services, *Report and Order*, General Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987). The band was modified by the Commission in the *Rebanding* proceeding, WT Docket 02-55, by shifting the NPSPAC band down by 15 megahertz to 806-824/851-869 MHz.

⁴ The Window Thirty-Two Channel Allocations results assign channel numbers: 4 (frequency 851\806.6875), 67 (851\806.8750), 84 (852\807.1125), 125 (852\807.6500), 142 (852\807.8625), 150 (852\807.9625), 159 (853\808.1000), 167 (853\808.2000), 181 (853\808.3750), 223 (853\808.9000) to the State of Maine for both mobile and portable use.

On April 10, 2013, we placed the Region 19 Plan Amendment on *Public Notice* for comment.⁵ We received no comments. We have reviewed the Region 19 Plan Amendment, and conclude, based on the information before us that it complies with Commission rules and policies. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and Section 1.102(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.102(b), the Region 19 (New England) 800 MHz NPSPAC Public Safety Plan Amendment is APPROVED.

We take this action under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.191 and 0.392 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.191, 0.392.

Action by the Chief, Policy and Licensing Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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⁵ See Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Seeks Comments on Region 19 (New England) 800 MHz NPSPAC Regional Plan Amendment, General Docket No. 90-53, *Public Notice*, DA 13-681 (rel. Apr. 10, 2013) (PSHSB 2013). Comments were due April 20, 2013, and reply comments were due May 10, 2013.